GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Fisheries Department – Misutilization of funds in distribution of "In Board Motors (IBMs)" on subsidy under C.M's Special Package – Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Penalty of withholding one Annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect – Orders - Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (Dy.&Vig.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 217 **Dated: 24-09-2019**

Read the following:-

1.From the G.A.(V&E) Dept., Vigilance report No.67, C.No.873/V&E/D2/2008, Dt. 22.09.2011.
2. Govt.Memo.No.7035/VS.2/2011-1, Dt.09.11.2011.
3. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Procdgs. No.9181/A1/2011-1, Dt.28.02.2012.
4. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Procdgs. No.9181/A1/2011-1, Dt.14.08.2012.
5. Enquiry Report of Sri P. Koteswara Rao, Joint Director of Fisheries, Visakhapatnam, Lr.No.471/A/2013(1), Dt.10.03.2013.
6. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.9181/A1/2011, Dt.24.05.2016.
7. Govt.Memo.No.7035/Dy&Vig(2)/2011-1, Dated: 16.07.2016 & 11.05.2018.
8. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.9181/A1/2011, Dt.21.05.2018.
9.Govt.Showcause Memo.No.7035/Dy&Vig(2)/2011-1, Dt: 05.09.2018.
10.From the Commissioner of Fisheries, Lr.No.9181/A1/2011, Dt.22-11-2018.
11. Govt. Memo No. 7035/Dy. & Vig. (2)/2011, Dt. 01.04.2019.
12. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.9181/A1/2011, Dt.22.05.2019.

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Whereas it was brought to the notice of the Government that mis-utilization of funds by certain officials of Fisheries Dept., in distribution of "In Board Motors (IBMs)" on subsidy under C.M's Special Package, in East Godavari district.

2. And whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the following charges have been framed against Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada and 6 other officers for the irregularities committed under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991. The Charged officers have submitted their explanations to the charges framed against them:-

Charge No.1: "That Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Tallarevu had failed to follow the guidelines in distribution of Inboard Motors(IBMs) on subsidy under CM's Special Package".

Charge No.2: "That Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada presently working as Fisheries Development Officer, Tallarevu had failed to conduct proper enquiry before forwarding the cancellation letter for selected beneficiaries".

3. And whereas, in the reference 4th read above, Sri P. Koteswara Rao, Joint Director of Fisheries, Visakhapatnam has been appointed as Inquiring Authority to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against the said officials of Fisheries Department under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991.

4. And whereas, in the reference 5th read above, Sri P. Koteswara Rao, Joint Director of Fisheries, Visakhapatnam and Inquiring Authority of the case has submitted his enquiry report wherein inter-alia it is found that the charge leveled against Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada, except non conduct of Grama Sabha and recommendation for cancellation of sanction order of 10 Uppalanka beneficiaries and suppressing the fact, six out of 10 are residents of Etimoga are an offence, the remaining were not proved. For not conducting Gramasabha and recommendation for cancellation of sanction orders is an irregularity.

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5. And whereas, in the reference 9th read above, while enclosing the findings of the Enquiry, show-cause notice has been issued to Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer to explain / Show-cause as to why suitable penalty should not be imposed against him under rule 20 read with rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) 1991. The written statement of defense from the individual was received through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, vide reference 10th read above, which is not convincible.

6. After careful examination of the matter in detail with the material available on record, Government have decided to impose a penalty of withholding one Annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect on Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of withholding one Annual Grade Increment with cumulative effect against Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada, under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991.

7. The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada,
Through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad/Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, concerned.
The A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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